

On Tuesday, June 10, 2008, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order, the Public Hearing on the Water Project at the Stockton City Hall at 6:00 P.M. Council members in attendance were Mark Potter, Lisa Gibbs, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

Mayor Roberts requested the Public Hearing to last for one hour as the Stockton Council meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.

Joe Wheeler stated the water access charges are for new homes only, and there are two banks that are interested in supplying the City of Stockton with G.O. Bonds. These two banks would also be interested in supplying hook up monies that would be assessed to the property but only if the City doesn't receive the 2% bond.

The informal survey from the homeowner letters are as follows:

250+ were sent out, 70 were received with 20 saying they were for the water project and 50 saying they were against the project. This results in less than 4% responding to the survey.

Homeowners would have to hook up right now in order for the system to pay for itself.

There was a question on why the Mobile Home Park was not on the list to be hooked up as they are residents as well, and could generate income. The Sewer and Water Committee will look into this.

- This project includes the whole of the City except for the Mobile Home Park.
- Discussion on putting it to a referendum vote
- Since it's a flood restoration grant, there are other things the city could use the money for. Karen DuCharme stated it's an infrastructure grant; flood recovery is where it comes from.
- Council should represent the people who voted you in, and use the Committees time on an Emergency Response plan instead of a subject that residents don't want.

Ron Volkman supplied two spreadsheets (attached to minutes), and in order for the project to work, there would have to be three new houses every year, otherwise the City would be in debt. The first year shows revenues, but people wouldn't be hooked up and using the water lines, as that is the year of construction, how can the residents pay for a service that they cannot use. Joe Wheeler will need to check with Chuck Pettipiece about the \$15 base fee in the first year, since no water would be used.

Discussion on the new pro forma's (attached to minutes) and the impact and changes that were made on the base rate and per 1,000-gallon rates. Since within six years, between the water monthly payment and the sewer payment it would cost approximately \$85 per month. And with that payment who wants to move into a town that doesn't have the amenities such as police, fire, school, etc.

Robyn Wehlage talked with residents on their reactions to the water project, they said they are okay on their own wells, and don't want their yards, streets or basements torn up, this would be a financial burden on most, and some are still struggling with the flood.

Residents feel they are being badgered on the project, they chose to live in Stockton as it's a nice place to live, all costs of living are going up and cannot afford much more, the Council must represent all of the Community instead of just what is right, there is added stress about the thinking of the project and that the City should look into rebuilding our community first. Most residents didn't even come because they are tired of talking about the project. Mrs. Wehlage asked about the petition that served in January, but that doesn't cover the new figures. She also stated that some residents will move if this project does go through, and if the City is working on keeping people in town this is not the way to do so.

Lisa Gibbs heard the same from the residents too. However, Mayor Roberts brought up the fact it was sixth on the list of the SEMMCHRA survey, and that the committee needed to work on the project.

If the City lets the grants fall through and the State mandates Municipal water systems, the City probably won't see this kind of grant money again.

Resident Comments:

- New subdivision wouldn't be effected
- Mike Wadewitz asked why people would give up free money, and without those 45 new homes, the tax base would go up. What about the water testing?
- Some aquifers are contaminated
- If City doesn't go for it, the grant offices won't be so fast as to give the City another shot at getting grants.
- Resident paid \$8200 for a new well before the flood, who will be paying for that if the project goes through?
- Unfairness of City Sewer since it doesn't have everyone hooked up now.
- Since City doesn't know the outcome of the \$700,000 or the 2% bond how can the City even discuss this project?
- Who will loan residents money after the flood victims are already taking out loans for repairing or replacing their homes?

Discussion was held on using the grant as it's specifically stated for, running the lines down the streets only, and when it's deemed time to hook into the system to do so at a later date. Mr. Wheeler stated the lines wouldn't be pressured and no one would be able to get water without the reservoir. Mr. Volkman stated that would be the same case once individual homes are hooked up as the pressure tanks for wells are in the basement of most homes.

Another resident asked why the City couldn't lay the lines and those that choose to hook up can, but have everyone pay the \$15 base fee every month. There would be a problem with calculating the pro forma as the City wouldn't know the count of who is willing to hook up and whose not willing to hook up.

Lisa Gibbs asked where the 5,000 gallon average came from. It's a Department of Health average. Ms. Gibbs stated she wouldn't use that much water in a month, and in order for the City to make enough money to cover the bond the residents would have to use 5,000 gallons each month.

The Council will vote on the project once they know how much money is set in stone, there will be another Public Hearing before that vote.

Clerk needs to look into getting the project on a referendum vote.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Rick Przytarski. Motion passed, public hearing adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Stockton City Hall, Mayor Jack Roberts called to order the Stockton City Council meeting at 7:03 P.M. Council members in attendance were Lisa Gibbs, Mark Potter, Rick Przytarski and Cheryl Beeman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Clerk under old business made addition to the agenda: Pat Bailey, Garage Lease, and Natural Gas. Under New Business: ATV Problems. Cheryl Beeman made a motion to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Mark Potter. Motion passed.

A question about the fire call to the ball fields, it was deliberately set. Cheryl Beeman made a motion to accept the Financial Report, with a second from Rich Przytarski. Motion passed.

Mark Potter made a motion to accept the Flood Fund Financials, with a second from Rick Przytarski. Motion passed.

Bill Trygstad has not heard anything about the North Broadway Bridge. Both Mayor Roberts and Clerk Winchester has a listing of bridges that will get done and what year, the City's proposed year is 2010. Council requested to put the Bridge on the project list and drop from the agenda.

Flood of 2007:

1. Appraisers are here for the buyouts, two more days and they will be finished. HRA is asking for more information from the homeowners.
2. Dave Kramer, Winona County Engineer, sent an application for additional funding for the Flood. There is over \$20 million left in the fund and he's looking for any areas that need to be redone. Clerk sent it on to Bill Trygstad, he got three areas from Winona Mechanical that need to be done. One is the ditch line in Garvin View Estates – 2nd addition in the total of \$10,596. Second one is the Inlet Apron on the big Retention pond for a total of \$3,162. And the last one is for top soil and sod on the E Street new culvert at a cost of \$15,100. Other areas to apply money for is the South Broadway Bridge approaches, the North Broadway Bridge in its entirety, Washout at Lift Station #3, Garvin Brook Drive Culvert, more trenching at the E Street Culvert and cleaning all culverts and ditches in town. Wm Wehlage and Mayor Roberts would like to go along with the engineer for the culverts and

- ditch recording, time is set for anyone to come help on Friday, June 13th at 7:00 am to meet at the City Hall. Mark Potter made the motion to have Bill Trygstad apply for funding for these areas, seconded by Lisa Gibbs.
3. Resolution 2008-018 – Accepting Money from the MN State College in the amount of \$250 for the Flood Victims Account. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the money, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed. Money will be passed onto the Garvin Brook Disaster Relief Fund.
 4. Shaun Wehlage asked to be reimbursed for a load of gravel for his driveway in the amount of \$193.07. This was to be supplied by Winona Mechanical for the E Street area. City will need to get a change work order for Winona Mechanical. Lisa Gibbs made a motion to reimburse Mr. Wehlage once the City has received the change work order from Winona Mechanical; Mark Potter seconded motion. Motion passed.
 5. MPCA received a call from a resident about the soil being brought into the ball fields and the parking lot area. MPCA recommended to put a barrier up, which is already done and to have the soil tested before hauling it away. FEMA's contract states it's to be used for various City projects. Jill Johnson, Winona County Environmental Services, recommended a TCLT test by MN Valley Testing Labs out of Mankato. There are four different types of testing: Metals - \$185, Volatiles - \$350, Volatiles - \$300, and Herbicides and Pesticides for \$275. Mr. Przytarski stated that we would need to use the soil since the City will have 16 homes to fill in. Rick Przytarski made a motion to have the soil tested, seconded by Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.
 6. Resolution 2008-019 – Grant agreement between SEMMCHRA and the City of Stockton, for SEMMCHRA to authorize any grant agreements with MN DNR and Homeland Security on behalf of the City. Mark Potter made a motion to accept the Resolution, with a second from Lisa Gibbs. Motion passed.
 7. Lawns are not being mowed. Ball park, Odegaard, Morey, Kohner, Ladewig field, Konkell, Warnke, Cook, and Hinton. Rick Przytarski stated since the City has an Ordinance against this to send the letters and follow the procedure in the ordinance. The cost will be \$100/day for the tractor and \$20/hour for wages.
 8. Mark Potter made a motion to have Winona Mechanical do the ditch line in Garvin View Estates – 2nd addition in the total of \$10,596, and the Inlet Apron on the big Retention pond for a total of \$3,162, even without grant approval. Rick Przytarski seconded the motion. Motion passed. If the grant does not cover these areas Clerk Winchester will need to re-apply to FEMA for these areas.

Pat Bailey discussed Individual Septic Systems (ISS). City or County can choose to have a stricter Ordinance than the MN Statutes. County records are sketchy on Stockton's ISS as there are only two on file in their office. Residents should assess their septic system once every three years. County doesn't have an active program in the case of failing systems, but has 18 months to adopt an Ordinance. County will need to get with the Sewer and Water Committee to begin planning of ISS.

Steve Runkle and Dave Jumbeck from the Work Force Center have been doing the physical labor of removing flood debris from our creeks. They met with Mayor Roberts, Mr. Przytarski and Ms. Gibbs in the beginning to discuss removal of trees, it was decided upon any trees in the stream, any trees with roots exposed, any weed trees or any trees at a 45 degree angle over the streams would be removed. Mr. Runkle thought he had permission to go on land owners properties to remove these trees, but there was a problem with miscommunication between the City and the Eagle Scout that was suppose to that job. Ms. Gibbs stated there are still downed logs behind her house and that the Work Force Center will need to burn the pile and the corn has already been planted.

Mayor Roberts has called Excel Energy for Natural Gas. Seems they did install it in Minnesota City already, but will discuss it further with them.

Mark Potter, Lisa Gibbs and Rick Przytarski accepted the Garage Lease for the City of Stockton and Sue Schriener.

Garvin Brook Drive sewer and water project is partially finished. The mains are in, but no street repair or tees off to the property lines.

The Emergency Siren was installed Tuesday, but Dick's Electric and Alliant Energy won't be able to get together until Friday morning to hook up. Residents would like it put on the access channel that the City Hall is an emergency area during impending weather. Cheryl Beeman and Leasah Lilla would like a donation to buy SkyWarn radios, Council requested for them to go to the Stockton Area Promotional Group to ask.

Flooring Bids –

1. Rivertown Custom Resurfacing – Epoxy and two coats of sealant for 1st Resp., Senior, and back hallway. \$15327.20
 - a. Gym and stage area: \$9661.40
2. Floor Coverings of America – Vinyl flooring in 1st Resp. and back hallway, supply and install. Carpet in senior room. - \$6553.26
 - a. Vinyl tile all areas but gym - \$7168.74
3. Shumski's – Vinyl tile gym and stage - \$2180.00
 - a. Vinyl tile all other areas - \$5110.00
 - b. Add carpet in senior room – additional \$185.00 = \$5295.00
4. Floor Crafters Installation – Vinyl tile in 1st Resp. and hallway, carpet senior's - \$6380.00
 - a. Vinyl tile in gym - \$3000.00

Senior Florence Hollingsworth asked not to have carpeting in the senior room as they could trip and fall on the carpeting. Mark Potter made a motion to have Shumski's tile all areas, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed.

Clerk will research referendum voting on the Water Project. The Sewer and Water Committee will be changed to the last Monday of the month to 6:00 P.M. Next meeting will be Monday, June 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Cheryl Beeman brought up having a curfew, since she has been seeing kids out around midnight. Now that summer is here more kids will apt to be out and about. Since this is already a Stockton Ordinance, residents should call the LEC and have them pick up the kids to be returned to their parents. Council requested this to be put on the access channel for times and ages.

Leasah Lilla brought up the problem with ATV's whipping around her corner on East Ninth Street, behind the City Hall on Sixth Street and Old Co. Rd. 23. There are young children driving them, which are not allowed by the City Ordinance. Council requested this to be on the Access Channel and to call the LEC with complaints.

Chad did not have any business.

Jaye Fritz discussed Camp Noah at the Riverway Learning Center for children under the 6th Grade for flood victims. Also Friday, June 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. under the Stockton Pavilion there will be supper and landscaping day, this is sponsored by the local 4-H, Master Gardeners and the Garvin Brook Disaster Relief Fund.

Mark Potter made a motion to close the Stockton Council meeting, with a second from Cheryl Beeman. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.